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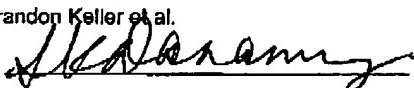
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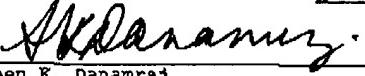
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of March 27, 2006, the shortened statutory period for response thereto having been set to expire on June 27, 2006, reconsideration of the Action and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested and are believed to be appropriate in view of the following amendments and remarks: